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CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION AND ARREST 4100 BLOCK EAST FORT LOWELL

On the afternoon of October 11, 2011, the Tucson Police Department received information that a **3-month old, female child** had been taken to the Emergency Department of a local area hospital with severe burns on her body. Medical staff advised responding police personnel that the child had **third degree burns over 20% of her body**. In addition, the child had **several broken ribs and bruises** on various areas of her body. Her parents were with her at the hospital. The child was later transported to an Arizona Burn Center, but is expected to survive her injuries.

Detectives from the Dependent Child Unit responded to further the investigation. They collected evidence and conducted interviews with the parents. The child's father, identified as **20-year old Devon Jackson**, advised that the child had been burned while he was giving her a bath. However, he was not able to provide any explanation for the rib fractures or bruises. The injuries were indicative of possible child abuse. Mr. Jackson had care and custody of the child at the time, approximately 7:00 AM on October 11, 2011, of the incident. The child's mother was sleeping in the residence at the time of the incident and was not considered a suspect. No arrest was made at that time pending additional investigation.

On October 19, 2011, Mr. Jackson was taken into custody and arrested reference this incident. He was charged with **2 counts of Child Abuse (Class 2 Felony) and one count of Child Abuse (Class 4 Felony)**. He was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail. His booking photo is included below.

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